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CANADIANS AND COLORECTAL CANCER

Some 25,000 Canadians are diagnosed with colorectal cancer each year.

68 cases each day

When Canadians are asked to name the **3 DEADLIEST CANCERS, 76%** mention **lung cancer, 63%** say **breast cancer** and **38% prostate cancer**.

IN FACT:
Colorectal cancer is the **2ND DEADLIEST,** after lung cancer.

Canadians think only **59%** of colorectal cancer cases can be cured if detected at an early stage.

IN FACT: MORE THAN **90%** **OF CASES CAN BE CURED IF DETECTED EARLY.**

30% of Canadians believe that colorectal cancer causes symptoms so the disease can be detected in its early stages without screening.

IN FACT: SCREENING IS THE ONLY WAY TO DETECT COLORECTAL CANCER IN ITS EARLY STAGES.

Canadians have a higher awareness of **BREAST CANCER** (66%) and **LUNG CANCER** (64%) than of **COLORECTAL CANCER** (43%).

IN FACT: COLORECTAL CANCER ACCOUNTS FOR 13% OF ALL CANCERS, almost the same incidence as lung cancer (14%) and of breast cancer (12%).

65% of Canadians don't know they should start REGULAR SCREENINGS for colorectal cancer AT AGE 50.

IN FACT: MORE THAN 90% OF COLORECTAL CANCER CASES OCCUR AMONG CANADIANS 50 OR OLDER

THERE REMAINS A CERTAIN TABOO ABOUT GETTING SCREENED FOR COLORECTAL CANCER,
with about twice as many people saying they would be embarrassed to be screened for colorectal cancer (24%) as for skin cancer (13%) or breast cancer (13%).

When Canadians are asked to name the various risk factors for colorectal cancer, they rank:

1. Lifestyle (38%)
2. Heredity (30%)
3. Age (24%)

IN FACT:
LIFESTYLE AND AGE ARE THE MAIN FACTORS.
Heredity only accounts for between 10% and 20% of cases.

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'It's as if, on social media, kids grow up without any parents'

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Citizenship and Immigration Canada has told Felipe Montoya, father of **Nico Montoya, 13,** that his son is inadmissible to Canada because of the potential burden he would place on the health-care system.

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'OUTRAGEOUS'

York professor's family may be forced to leave Canada because son has Down Syndrome

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Your coat may contain dog, cat fur

CRACKDOWN

Toronto MP's bill would ban jackets, require labels

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Is the coat you're wearing made from a cat?

Before you scramble to check the tag, know this: No one has to tell you if it is.

Toronto MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith is out to change that.

The Beaches-East York MP has tabled a private member's bill that would ban the importation of cat and dog fur and require labels telling consumers what kind of fur is on their garments.

For years, animal rights activists have warned that fur from dogs and cats enters the Canadian fashion market from China and is sold to unknowing customers.

Here in Toronto, police seized a number of knockoff parkas with German Shepherd-lined hoods in 2012 as part of a counterfeit crackdown.

"There are no statistics, as far as I can tell, because it really is an underground market," Erskine-Smith said. "It's not an illegal market, for the moment, but it's not well-publicized."

Most countries, including the U.S., instituted bans on cat and dog fur years ago. Canada, on the other hand, hasn't taken action.

More than half — 60 per cent — of all fur garments that enter Canada come from China, a trade that's worth about $12 million a year, according to Industry Canada.

The use of dogs and cats in China's fur trade has been well documented.

In Canada, dog fur-lined jackets have turned up in police investigations of counterfeit goods.

Unfortunately, Erskine-Smith's legislation isn't likely to change the use of dog fur in counterfeit goods, but it will hopefully impact the legal garment market.

"It's a good start," he said.

Coats like this counterfeit Canada Goose one might feature pet fur, but we have no way of knowing.

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Diversity is key for new senator

SENATE

Ratna Omidvar has never held office, will sit as an independent

Gilbert Ngabo
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Lifeline Syria chair Ratna Omidvar has been named to the Senate by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The voice of diversity is set to sound louder and clearer in the Canadian Senate.

Toronto's Ratna Omidvar is among seven new senators handpicked by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. She's a passionate campaigner for a more inclusive Canada, and is excited to continue that advocacy from her seat in the Senate. Unlike most Senate appointees, Omidvar has never held political office and is unaffiliated with any political party. She's something of a political outsider, but the 66-year-old believes that will work to her advantage.

"If you keep doing the same thing again and again, you're going to get the same results," she said, adding Trudeau is "doing things a little differently" by encouraging senators to sit as independents and not tow the party line.

As the executive director of Ryerson's global diversity exchange program, Omidvar has a long history of helping immigrants integrate into Canadian communities. She currently serves as chair of Lifeline Syria, a group that facilitates private sponsorship of Syrian refugees.

"Canada has changed so radically in the past 10 to 15 years in terms of its demographics," she said, referencing the thousands of immigrants and refugees who make Canada their home every year. They come with different worldviews and perspectives, and those opinions have not always been represented in "the highest institution of our nation," she said. "I'm hoping that by bringing evidence-based knowledge about diversity, inclusion and integration, I can embed them into the ordinary thinking of the Senate."

Herself an immigrant — she moved to Canada from Iran in 1981 with her husband and daughter — Omidvar believes diversity is the key to a strong and successful country.

OTHER ONTARIO APPOINTEES

Peter Harder: A 29-year veteran of federal public service, he served as Deputy Minister and head of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

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Frances Lankin: The current chair of National NewsMedia Council and a director at the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission.

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Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

"I'm excited with where I am in life right now. Everything isn't perfect, far from it, but I've recently, about a year and a half ago, purchased my own condo and it was super exciting. I never imagined I would do that, especially as a single person. I always thought traditionally, you get married and move in to a place together. Buying that on my own was a huge stepping stone and I feel a lot braver.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans_of_Toronto on Instagram.

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Shooting at party rocks quiet Willowdale street

CRIME

House where man shot was advertised on rental websites

Willowdale's Glenelia Ave. used to be so quiet residents once called it "the street that time forgot." Those days are over.

The calm of the leafy suburban street was shattered early Sunday by a loud party punctuated by gunshots that left a man with a life-threatening wound to his head.

The shooting occurred in a five-bedroom house that has been regularly offered up on popular rental websites for travellers, leaving residents of this dead-end street dealing with boisterous renters for almost two years.

No incident frightened them more than Saturday night, when 5 Glenelia, a two-storey home at the corner of Bayview Ave., filled with what residents estimate was 75 to 100 young people.

"The music was so loud, it was shaking the foundations," said Bernie Gillett, 58, who has lived on Glenelia since 1982.

At about 4:30 a.m. Sunday, neighbours heard four or five shots ring out from inside the home. People then ran out of the house in a panic.

After police arrived, Gillett and other neighbours watched the wounded young man being wheeled to an ambulance on a stretcher.

"It's sickening," she said. "I don't think that poor boy's going to make it. If this boy dies, it's a homicide."

Police Const. Allyson Douglas-Cook said a man with a "life threatening" wound to the head was rushed to hospital. No one else was injured.

Douglas-Cook said police have no suspects. But one neighbour said she gave police her home's security video, which captured images from a party that often spilled onto the street. Other neighbours gave police the numbers of licence plates they noted.

> **The music was so loud, it was shaking the foundations.**
> Bernie Gillett

In the past, the home had been rented out through Airbnb. Resident Jan Morrissey complained to Airbnb on Sunday. The company responded in an email, stating the home had not been rented through its service. The home was also advertised on the Vacation Rentals by Owner website.

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A police officer guards 5 Glenelia Dr. in the Cummer and Bayview area where a man was taken to a trauma centre after being shot in the head early Sunday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

AMBER ALERT

Baby safe after car stolen

A three-month-old baby has safely returned home to his parents after he was the subject of an Amber Alert Sunday evening.

Police said they received a call just before 4 p.m. from the father of the child.

The father had gone into a flea market in the Albion Road and Highway 27 area while the car was left running in a parking lot with the baby inside. When he came back out, he saw the car being driven away. He said he tried to follow the vehicle but lost sight of it in the Highway 27 area.

An Amber Alert issued at around 5:15 p.m. by the Ontario Provincial Police, soon after, resulted in an intense police hunt.

Hours later, police received a call from a member of the public who heard a child crying in a parking lot near Martingrove and Dixon Road.

Police sent the recovered car for forensic work and are now looking for the suspect.

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A 'burden' on the system

IMMIGRATION

Cost of care for son's Down syndrome may keep prof out

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Federal immigration law needs to be "tweaked" to prevent would-be Canadians from being denied residency if their family members are ill or disabled, says one legal expert.

Toronto immigration and refugee lawyer Mary Keyork called the case of Felipe Montoya — whose family may be forced to leave the country because his son has Down Syndrome — "outrageous."

Montoya, a professor of environmental studies at York University, came to Toronto four years ago from Costa Rica. He says immigration officials denied his residency application because his 13-year-old son Nico would be an undue "burden" on the system.

Nico Montoya, a 13-year-old boy with Down syndrome, sits on the couch at his home with his mother Alejandra Garcia, centre, and his sister Tania at their home in Richmond Hill, Ont., on Saturday, March 19. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Children and family members can be sick, and that's part of life. I really think it's an unfair decision, because I don't think it's going to be that much of a burden," Keyork said.

According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Nico functions at the level of a three-year-old and could cost the system between $20,000 and $25,000 a year for special educational support.

Montoya disputes the findings, saying his son is making use of the same publicly available resources as his daughter — who has no disability.

Cases of medical inadmissibility are rare, Keyork said, and are meant to apply in instances where the health of an applicant poses a danger to society, such as someone with HIV-AIDS.

The language of the law should be made clearer, Keyork said. The way the law is worded now, she said, one of her paraplegic clients could be declared inadmissible, even though he's using very little medication and getting support from the community, not the system.

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> Refugee lawyer Mary Keyork

Ultimately, Keyork feels the "Canadian goal of uniting more families" should take precedence in the law.

"We are Canada. We are not supposed to make these things hard for people," she said.

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IN BRIEF

Woman killed in vehicle crash on Highway 17

Investigators with the OPP's East Algoma detachment say a woman was ejected from her vehicle after it hit a guard rail on Highway 17 near Blind River and rolled several times. The accident happened early Saturday morning and police say alcohol may have been a factor. They say 58-year old Carla Agostini was pronounced dead at the scene.

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One winning ticket for $60M jackpot sold in Toronto

There is one winning ticket for the $60-million jackpot in Friday night's Lotto Max draw, and it was purchased in Toronto. There were also 29 MaxMillions prizes of $1 million each available in the draw, and seven of them have either been won outright or are being shared. The jackpot for the next draw on Mar. 25 will be approximately $32 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CRIME

High-speed chase ends in crash

A high-speed police chase involving an SUV ended early Sunday morning in a collision with another vehicle — an UberX car carrying passengers — an arrest, and eight people sent to hospital.

Three of those were seriously injured, according to the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), which investigates whenever an interaction with police results in serious injury, death or sexual assault allegations.

SIU investigators are trying to determine how many people were in each car.

The chase began shortly before 3 a.m. at York St. and Brenner Blvd., when police tried to pull a black Acura SUV over, but the driver didn't comply.

Sterling Cloe, who was spending the night on Bay Street, south of Front Street, and was unable to sleep because of the cold, estimated that the car, followed by four or five police cruisers and possibly more unmarked ones, whizzed by at about 100 km/h, heading north.

"They were flying," said Cloe, who was still sitting on Bay St. opposite Union Station later Sunday morning.

While he didn't see the crash occur, "You could hear it — it was like a thunderbolt," he said.

According to the SIU, only two vehicles were involved.

The UberX car, a silver Chevrolet Malibu, was travelling west on Wellington Street when it was struck by the black SUV.

"There was one person who fled and was arrested a short while later . . . right after," SIU spokesperson Jason Gennaro told Torstar News Service.

It's unclear whether the person arrested was one of the eight taken to hospital.

As of press time, the SIU had not announced any charges.

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Councillor has eye on fare play

TTC

Warns of back boarders, tech tricks, forever 12-year-olds

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

A city councillor is asking the TTC to investigate fare evasion on streetcars — because he's seeing more people board via the back doors with guilty looks in their eyes.

"I see them jump up the back stairs, look two ways to see if someone saw them and then they look down," said Coun. Joe Mihevc, who sits on the TTC board. "Their first instinct is to look around and see if someone saw them, then to disappear."

The TTC began allowing rear-door boarding on streetcars in December. Anyone with a Metropass can hop on at the back without showing proof of payment, unless they're happened upon by a fare inspector.

The TTC reports 500,000 fares have been checked so far, but Mihevc told Metro he's never encountered an inspector.

Mihevc is concerned about different ways to cheat, including youth pretending they're 12 in order to ride for free. He's also worried people may use their smartphones to record the sound of a Presto tap and play it when they board — although he hasn't yet heard of anyone doing that, he said.

Mihevc doesn't want to see an end to rear-door boarding because it allows the streetcars to move faster, but more fare inspectors may be needed, he said. He also wants to launch an awareness campaign on how fare evasion hurts everyone.

"Over 70 per cent of our income at the TTC comes from the riding public," he said. "If we lose money, it's going to be a cut in service."

The TTC has installed **Presto card readers** on streetcars as part of its all-door boarding policy. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

> **If we lose money, it's going to be a cut in service.**
> Coun. Joe Mihevc

Coun. Joe Mihevc says fare cheats are denying the TTC much-needed revenue. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

HEALTH

Measles carried back to the GTA

Health officials in Brampton warn that residents may have been exposed to measles between March 12 and 17.

A representative from Peel Public Health says the organization has confirmed that a child in Brampton has measles.

They say the child had travelled to a measles-endemic country right before becoming ill.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that spreads easily to those who are not immune, but people who have had two doses of the measles vaccine are not at risk.

They say anyone who thinks they may have been exposed should watch for a high fever, cold-like symptoms, sore eyes or sensitivity to light, small spots with a white centre on the inside of the mouth and a red rash that lasts four to seven days. Anyone who shows symptoms should call their health-care provider immediately.

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Fur flies over animal protection legislation

POLITICS

Bill is part of a 'hidden agenda', Tory MP argues

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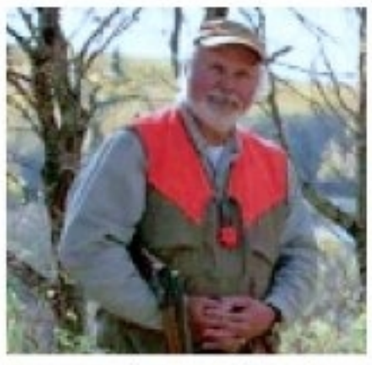

Conservative MP Robert Sopuck, left, is critical of Bill C-246, saying it's a step toward giving animals human rights. Liberal MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, who tabled the bill, disagrees.
LEFT: THE CANDIAN PRESS; RIGHT: TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A rookie Toronto MP has walked right into the rural-urban divide on Parliament Hill with a private member's bill aimed at strengthening Canada's animal protection laws.

Nathaniel Erskine-Smith's legislation would make it illegal to "recklessly" cause harm to an animal through, for example, negligence.

Today, it's only illegal to harm an animal on purpose.

But a rural Manitoba MP says the proposal is part of a dangerous animal rights agenda that goes too far.

"Let's say your car broke down and your dog happened to be in your yard, so you couldn't get home quick enough to feed it and it died—that would be potentially criminal activity, even though you had no intention of harming the animal," said Robert Sopuck, the Conservative MP for Dauphin-Swan River-Neepawa.

The bill would also make it illegal to kill an animal "without lawful excuse." Sopuck said he's concerned that would threaten activities like hunting, fishing and medical research.

The Conservative MP believes Erskine-Smith has a "hidden agenda, which is the complete elimination of all animal use in Canada."

Erskine-Smith, who represents Beaches-East York, disputes that, and said the bill clearly states that hunting, fishing and farming would not be affected.

Sopuck's opposition to the bill caught him off guard because he sat down with the Tory MP to discuss it before taking it to Ottawa, he said.

"I know he's a hunter and cares about that lifestyle, so I wanted to make it clear this doesn't affect accepted animal uses."

The legislation has been tabled before, without success, by both Liberal and NDP MPs. It has wide support from animal rights groups.

Although outraged by the bill, Sopuck stopped short of personally criticizing Erskine-Smith, who happens to be a vegan.

"A person's dietary preferences are their own business," he said. "But having said that, I fully expect that respect is returned to me — and I eat mostly wild game."

5 THINGS TO DO IN T.O. THIS EASTER

1 The Beaches Easter Parade

The Toronto Beaches Lions Club will hold its annual two-hour Easter parade on Sunday, featuring marching bands, floats and an appearance by the Easter Bunny! Festivities will begin at Queen St. and Munro Park and end at Woodbine Ave.

2 Brunch at Casa Loma

Enjoy a gourmet spread complete with prosecco and mimosas courtesy of Casa Loma on Sunday. Once you've filled up on the Easter menu, prepared using local ingredients, you are invited to explore Toronto's castle at your leisure.

3 TPL Easter Egg Hunt

From March 23 to 26, Toronto libraries around the city will host their annual Easter Egg hunts. Families are asked to bring their own baskets.

One of three inflatable, white rabbits at Brookfield Place, produced by Arts Brookfield and designed by Tasmanian artist Amanda Parer. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

4 Bunny Hop

Take part in this post-Easter Pub crawl on April 2, including stops at Crocodile Rock, Cabin 5, Orchid and Office Pub. Easter costumes encouraged.

5 Brunch at The Royal York

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Hundreds of hoppy hunters rushed High Park's Colborne Lodge field on Sunday as part of the annual High Park Easter Egg Hunt. Crafting, egg-dyeing, face-painting, bunny-hopping and, of course, egg-collecting were all a part of the colourful event. TEXT AND PHOTOS: LIZ BEDDALL METRO

Top: Four-year-old Maddie Fidler, gets a big hug from the Easter Bunny.

Far left: Four-year-old Gabriel Dizon goes wild in the search for Easter eggs.

Left: A young bunny eyes her next prize.

WHAT THE KIDS THINK

Easter to me is jumping. I get to see rabbits and I get to get eggs.

MARCUS KONG, AGE 5, AND SISTER SELENA, 3

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AMAIYAH BEELER, AGE 4

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PHILIP BELKIN, AGE 5

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Teen newcomers launch fight to save their school

Zahra Afshar takes part in a program called conversation club at Greenwood Secondary School, which is also known at Newcomer High as it is home to new immigrants. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EDUCATION

Recent arrivals say board not listening to their concerns

It's their sanctuary, their first "home" in Canada. They consider their fellow students and teachers family.

And the teens at Greenwood Secondary School — all recently arrived refugees and immigrants — don't want it to close and move into nearby Danforth Collegiate. They accuse the school board of stacking the deck against them and not listening to their concerns.

Of the 10 schools in the area that came under review, "Greenwood is the easy one," said student council vice-president Tolin Abuaziza, who emigrated a little over a year ago. "We don't know anything about Canada, about the school system. At any other school, parents would stand up and be angry — maybe even hire a lawyer — saying, 'Keep the school open.' But we can't."

With parents who don't speak English or who work long hours and can't attend public or accommodation review committee meetings, the Greenwood students feel they haven't really had a chance to make their case, added Zahra Afshar, student council president.

> **At any other school, parents would stand up and be angry.**
> Tolin Abuaziza

The two recently pleaded with the review committee to delay making a final recommendation until all their concerns were addressed.

The vote to close Greenwood is expected to be dealt with by Toronto District School Board trustees in June. If the move is approved, it will be shut down in the fall of 2017, and the building sold.

Greenwood is unique in that it caters solely to newly arrived teens, offering numerous English-as-a-Second-Language course offerings, as well as settlement and social supports until the students are ready to move into a mainstream high school.

Mike Gallagher, the area superintendent, said the board is under orders from the provincial government "to make better use of our space." As enrolment declines, that means "the status quo isn't an option." However, unlike the other schools involved in the review, Greenwood is not under-enrolled — in fact, it is at almost the ideal 80 per cent capacity, with a small alternative school also housed in the building. Danforth, by comparison, is not even half full, at 41 per cent capacity.

Some have accused the Toronto board of wanting to sell the "marketable" Greenwood building to the local French school board.

However, Gallagher explained that there was a case to be made for all of the schools under review.

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Farm hand seeks $40K from WSIB

SEASONAL WORKERS

Man hurt on the job alleges 'systemic' discrimination

A Jamaican farm hand who was rushed to a Hamilton hospital in life-threatening condition after hurting himself on the job has filed a human rights complaint against Ontario's workplace compensation board, alleging "systemic" discrimination against migrant workers.

The claim, to be submitted Monday at the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, says WSIB failed to ensure Robert Sulph, 51, would have proper access to care when he returned to Jamaica after he sliced his neck open while working on a London-area tobacco farm — even though he was entitled to full and fair compensation for his injuries under provincial law.

Robert Sulph
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

According to the complaint, Sulph — who had worked seasonally in Canada for almost 24 years — had to give up seeking treatment because he could no longer afford the cost. Despite almost dying, Sulph was cut off WSIB benefits after 12 weeks, and the board refused to pay his medical expenses upfront — making it near-impossible for the farmer to access care, the claim says.

"The WSIB's treatment made me feel that I am not an equal member of society who deserves to be invested in or treated with dignity and respect. And I know I am not alone," Sulph said in his complaint.

The worker's compensation board has 35 days to file a response.

According to the claim, Sulph was working for minimum wage in Ontario under the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program in August 2013, when he was cutting some metal near his workplace's barn. As he cut, a blade broke and flew off — slicing his neck and left arm. He was airlifted to Hamilton Health Sciences Centre, where doctors told him he would have died had his artery been cut by five per cent more.

Upon his release, a doctor from a WSIB-sponsored evaluation centre told him he should start physical therapy immediately with gradual return to work, and that he would recover in three months. Since there was no modified work available for him at his employer, Sulph returned home to his wife and three children.

But the claim says WSIB did not investigate whether Sulph would be able to get the care he needed in Jamaica.

Sulph is now seeking $40,000 from WSIB for "the loss of the right to be free from discrimination," a $1,500-a-month health stipend, and changes to WSIB's policies on migrant workers.

His lawyer, Jessica Ponting, said she has seen a high volume of cases similar to Sulph's: "WSIB has a responsibility to provide health care. That is their job," she said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BLACK LIVES MATTER STANDING TOGETHER
People marched outside Toronto City Hall Sunday night to protest what they called anti-black discrimination by the city, including the recent decision to curtail the popular Afrofest music festival and the fact that the police officer involved in the 2015 shooting death of Andrew Loku will not face charges. Loku, 45, was shot in his Eglinton Avenue West apartment last July after police received a call about a man wielding a hammer.
LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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Ahead of the budget, economy top of mind

POLITICS

Canadians are worried about financial security: Poll

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government takes the wraps off its first budget Tuesday at a time when many Canadians are worried about economic uncertainty and a majority fear for their own financial security, a new poll shows.

Trudeau's promise of economic help for the middle class — an issue his Liberals campaigned on — comes as sluggish growth and more recent economic turmoil sparked by the sharp drop in oil prices has shaken the confidence of Canadians, according to the poll by Forum Research.

It found that 33 per cent of those surveyed believe the economy will worsen while just 24 per cent expect the economy to improve this year. Just over one-third of respondents think the economy won't change.

Kids from the Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club laugh along with Minister of Finance Bill Morneau as he puts on his new budget shoes in Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

And those economic jitters have most Canadians now fretting about their own prospects, with 69 per cent saying they are concerned about their financial security.

The poll found that younger people, ages 18 to 34, are among those most pessimistic about the economy and their own financial security.

That's no surprise to Bilan Arte, national chairwoman of the Canadian Federation of Students, who says young people are struggling with "skyrocketing" tuition fees, growing debt and an uncertain job market.

"We need some strong leadership at the federal level to present a bold plan to save this generation," she said, noting that youth unemployment is running at 13 per cent.

During the election, the Liberals promised action to make post-secondary education more affordable and help getting young people into the job market. And Trudeau made himself the minister of youth, setting expectations high on the file. Young people will now be watching to see if those promises become a reality to help set them up for economic success, Arte said.

When asked what they want to see in Tuesday's budget, Canadians put tax cuts at the top of their list (23 per cent), followed by infrastructure spending (18 per cent) and action on jobs (15 per cent), the poll found.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

FEDERAL BUDGET

The stakes are high come this Tuesday

Steve Rennie
Metro | Ottawa

We're about to find out if the Liberals can kickstart Canada's sputtering economy through spending.

We already know the broad strokes of the federal Liberal government's inaugural budget. Lots of spending on what Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has called "unsexy" things, like upgrading roads and bridges. Sort of like the old Conservative Economic Action Plan, but with better hair.

But perhaps the most interesting part of Finance Minister Bill Morneau's first budget will be not line items on spending (even if past budgets have tended to feature more sweeping rhetoric than nitty gritty details), what it says about this Liberal government.

Recall the first Conservative budget of the Stephen Harper era. It was meant to paint the Conservatives as the party of the suburban middle class. They cut the GST by one percentage point as they began to chisel away at programs and spending. They scrapped the Liberal plan for a national child-care program in favour of sending parents monthly cheques for each child under the age of six.

So what will Tuesday's budget say about Trudeau's Liberals? It is on this budget (and how they follow through on it) that they will be judged. In four years, we can look back and see if their multibillion-dollar gambit on infrastructure spending actually lead to the creation of more jobs — and if so, were they high-paying, full-time jobs, or temporary, lower-paying ones. After all, jobs are the most important part of this budget. The Liberals campaigned on a promise to create 40,000 jobs for young Canadians each year for the next three years — including 5,000 youth green jobs. On Tuesday we'll see just what the plan is to deliver on that jobs promise.

You only get one chance to make a first impression.

Steve Rennie is the managing editor of Metro Ottawa

Eskimos still need new name: Obed

SPORTS

President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami met with team

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

When Natan Obed, president of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, wrote an op-ed calling on the Edmonton Eskimos to lose the slang word for Inuit from their name, it ignited a discussion in the city. That was November.

In January, the team invited Obed to Edmonton to talk it out. Metro finally got both sides on the phone to talk about the meeting.

How did the meeting go?

The team was gracious in hosting us, they listened to the concerns that I put forward about the use of the name, and now we're interested to know about how to move forward.

Has your position on the name changed?

It's pretty simple from our end that the change in team name is what we hope for. The dialogue that we may have started is one that I'm grateful that they were open to … but until the name is changed, there really isn't much more to talk about.

Your position is somewhat controversial, even within the Inuit community.

What I've said and will continue to say is that there are Inuit that are offended by it and we should live now where we try to ensure that we are providing a safe environment. I don't ever want to be called that term … I played sports — I grew up playing hockey, and I've been called a 'dirty Eskimo' and a 'n—.' I've been called all sorts of names, and I know just how deeply those things hurt and how deeply they change perception of yourself. And the fact that it is still okay for the Edmonton football team to use that name every single day when it is not okay to use it in any other context to describe our people? That's something we need to come to terms with.

RESPONSE

In a statement emailed to Metro, a representative from the Edmonton Eskimos confirmed they invited Obed for a meeting with club president and CEO Len Rhodes in January. The statement describes the meeting as "extremely cordial" and says "This was a face-to-face meeting that created an open dialogue that we hope continues into the future."

The Eskimos' Adarius Bowman
THE CANADIAN PRESS

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REFUGEES

Asylum-seekers sneak in ahead of deadline

Volunteers help migrants on a dinghy as they arrive on Sunday at the island of Lesbos. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hundreds of mostly Syrian asylum-seekers continued to arrive in Greece by sea Sunday despite the start of an international agreement to send migrants back to Turkey.

While the deal between the European Union and Turkey is officially in effect, the process for deporting migrants has yet to be worked out. Greek and Turkish officials are set to hold discussions on Monday. And Greece is still awaiting the arrival of 2,300 European experts, including translators, to help carry out the agreement.

In the meantime, the EU said any new arrivals in Greece be subject to possible deportation.

At least 875 refugees — mostly Syrians, along with Iraqis and Afghans — landed on four of Greece's Aegean islands close to the Turkish coast between Saturday evening and daybreak Sunday. Two Syrian men were found dead of undetermined causes aboard a boat arriving at Lesbos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anti-Trump protester Bryan Sanders, centre left, is punched by a Trump supporter Saturday at a Tucson Arena rally.
MIKE CHRISTY/ARIZONA DAILY STAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trump talk heats up on immigrants

U.S. PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Protesters get testy at rallies in Arizona

Donald Trump's campaign in Arizona is centred on his hard line against illegal immigration, a stand that supporters embraced in a series of tense rallies ahead of Tuesday's presidential primary in the border state.

"Illegal immigration is gonna stop," Trump said Saturday night in Tucson. "It's dangerous," he said. "Terrible."

Both in Phoenix and Tucson, Trump was introduced by former Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer, who pushed tough immigration laws in office, and Joe Arpaio, the Maricopa County sheriff who made his name by chasing down people who are in the country illegally. The county includes Phoenix and nearly two-thirds of Arizona's population.

Protesters showed up at every event. In Phoenix, they blocked the main road into his outdoor rally for several hours before it started. In Tucson, they interrupted him and some were tossed from the event.

Police said Sunday that about half a dozen people were arrested at the Arizona rallies, including two on misdemeanour charges of assault. It was not clear how many were protesters or Trump supporters.

Trump was campaigning in Arizona ahead of Tuesday's primary in which the winner will take all 58 delegates at stake.

Trump's main rivals, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, are desperately trying to prevent the real estate mogul from accumulating the 1,237 delegates needed to secure the nomination at the party's national convention in July. They are hoping for a contested convention in which delegates would be free to turn from Trump if he fails to win a majority on the first ballot. Trump has won 678 delegates in contests held thus far, according to a count by The Associated Press. Cruz is in second place with 423 delegates, and Kasich is in third with 143.

His rivals hope to offset a likely Trump win in Arizona Tuesday with a strong showing in the Utah caucuses.

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IN BRIEF

Bird baffles roller-coaster

Roller-coaster riders at Happy Valley Amusement Park in Beijing were left hanging upside down for almost 20 minutes when a bird stood on a safety sensor. it took 18 minutes to bring the 26 riders to safety on Saturday.

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Istanbul suicide bomber ID'd

Turkey's interior minister on Sunday identified the suicide bomber who killed four foreign tourists in Istanbul as a militant linked to ISIL. Efkan Ala said bomber Mehmet Ozturk was a Turkish citizen born in Gaziantep province, bordering Syria.

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‘It is wonderful to be here’

Spotlight on CUBA

Presidential trip revives relationship with nation

Stepping into history, U.S. President Barack Obama opened an extraordinary visit to Cuba on Sunday, eager to push decades of acrimony deeper into the past and forge new ties with America’s former adversary.

“It is wonderful to be here,” said the American president.

Obama’s whirlwind trip is a crowning moment in his and Cuban President Raul Castro’s ambitious effort to restore normal relations between their countries. While deep differences persist, the economic and political relationship has changed rapidly in the 15 months since the leaders vowed a new beginning.

Wielding an umbrella on a rainy Havana afternoon, the president stepped off of Air Force One and was greeted by top Cuban officials, including Cuba's foreign minister and U.S. ambassador. He was joined by first lady Michelle Obama and daughters Malia and Sasha, with dozens of U.S. lawmakers and business leaders arriving separately for Obama's visit.

His first stop was a Havana hotel, where Obama greeted U.S. Embassy staff and their families and noted the momentous nature of his visit — the first by a sitting U.S. president since 1928, when Calvin Coolidge arrived in a battleship.

“This is a historic visit, and it’s a historic opportunity to engage with the Cuban people,” Obama said.

A highlight of Obama’s visit comes Tuesday when he joins Castro and a crowd of baseball-crazed Cubans for a game between the beloved national team and Major League Baseball’s Tampa Bay Rays. The president also planned a speech at the Grand Theater of Havana laying out his vision for greater freedoms and more economic opportunity in Cuba.

A major focus for Obama was pushing his Cuba policy to the point it will be all but impossible for the next president to reverse it. That includes highlighting new business deals by American companies, including hotel chains Starwood and Marriott and online lodging service Airbnb. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

First lady Michelle Obama, President Barack Obama, and their daughters arrive at Jose Marti International Airport for a 48-hour visit on Airforce One Sunday in Havana, Cuba. Obama is the first President in nearly 90 years to visit Cuba. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

+ TRAVEL

Online lodging service Airbnb is allowing travellers from around the world to book stays in private homes in Cuba after the San Francisco-based company received a special authorization from the Obama administration, Airbnb announced Sunday.

Airbnb was the first major American company to enter Cuba after Presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro declared detente on Dec. 17, 2014.

DIPLOMACY

Obama visit a first step

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

U.S. President Barack Obama’s visit to Cuba has been a long-anticipated event for Julio Fonseca.

The language professor at Toronto’s York University grew up in Cuba and remembers the atrocious effects of the U.S. trade embargo on ordinary people’s lives.

“It was very bad in the 1960s,” he said. “No one cared whether you had toothpaste or soap. Those basic things we take for granted were very hard to find.”

Fonseca, who is also the president of the Association of Cubans in Toronto, said Cuban-Canadians expect Obama’s visit to serve as a step in the direction of normalizing relations between the two countries.

“This conflict has been there for over half a century. It’s time for a change,” he said.

On top of Cubans’ wish list is the lifting of the economic blockade — which Obama has asked Congress to look into. There’s also the need to close down the naval base at Guantanamo Bay.

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Additional information can be found at **www.toronto.ca/tocore.**

TOcore Planning Downtown

Biometrics are quickly becoming a feasible alternative to cards, bar codes, PINs and passwords. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Biometrics easing into private sector

TECHNOLOGY

But consumer reluctance still hindering wide adoption

Biometrics — measuring unique physical characteristics to verify identity — was once a form of cutting-edge technology found only in science-fiction and spy movies.

But the authentication techniques are now not only being integrated into our most-used devices, but are quickly becoming a feasible — and in some cases convenient — alternative to plastic cards, bar codes, PIN numbers and passwords.

Many private companies in sectors from banking to health care are embracing the technology as a personalized means of reaching potential customers, as well as a way to offer safer, more secure interactions.

Retailers are interested in facial recognition software as they look for ways to target consumers when they walk into stores with products aimed specifically at them.

Companies would love to be able to use the technology to reduce shoppers to a unique consumer profile, but they can't move faster than people are comfortable with, said Andy Adler, a professor of systems and computer engineering at Carleton University.

Although the technology has made strides, widespread adoption is still hindered both by consumer reluctance and unreliability. Even if biometrics is more secure than a chip or PIN, using it is still in many cases an inconvenience. To employ biometrics, retailers would have to purchase terminals and consumers would have to deal with the glitches and delays that come with cutting-edge technology.

Fingerprints, faces and iris scanning are still the most-developed forms of biometric identification, but even those systems have limitations and can be fooled. Fingerprinting is probably the most widely known type of biometric ID, but it is also one of the most easily copied or "spoofed."

Meanwhile, Adler believes voice recognition, gait measuring or ear-shape analysis are still too new to be trusted on their own.

"They're exciting, but we're not going to see uptake until they start working well," Adler said. "Things haven't changed as much as one might guess."

Wariness on the part of consumers about giving up identifying data to big corporations is one of the main hindrances to wider spread adoption, said Karl Martin, founder and chief technology officer at Nymi.

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> Andy Adler

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Apple's Touch ID, which uses a fingerprint to unlock a user's iPhone, may be the best-known biometric system, but other companies are also dabbling in the space.

- **Ford** is exploring a biometrics system that could let users open and start their car with their fingerprints, pulse or voice, rendering keys unnecessary.
- Insurer **Manulife** recently launched a voice recognition system. Instead of a password, callers say "At Manulife, my voice is my password" and software determines if that matches the voice associated with an account.
- **MasterCard** will launch "selfie pay" in Canada later this year, using facial recognition instead of a passcode or signature to make payments in stores. MasterCard is also testing heartbeat identification software from Toronto-based Nymi, which uses a wristband embedded with an electrocardiogram sensor.

ENERGY EAST PIPELINE

Tensions high at hearings

As Luc Villeneuve begins talking to a reporter about his renewable energy foundation, he is abruptly interrupted outside the conference room where public hearings on Energy East are taking place.

"You didn't come here in an electric car, did you?" truck driver Michel Morin asks in a taunting voice.

Villeneuve, 46, a little shaken, replies he would love to buy such a car.

"But there is oil in the car you drove here, isn't there?" Morin aggressively counters, before storming off into the room where TransCanada vice-president Louis Bergeron is trying to assuage local concerns about the proposed pipeline.

On Friday, Quebec's environmental review agency wrapped up two weeks of hearings into the Energy East proposal by TransCanada. More hearings are scheduled to begin April 25.

Every day, Quebecers lined up at the back of the room inside a modern hockey complex across the St. Lawrence River from Quebec City in order to register to grill Bergeron and officials from the National Energy Board and Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The hearings were civil but tense as the majority of participants voiced either outright opposition to the pipeline or high levels of skepticism about TransCanada's promises to safely transport 1.1 million of barrels of oil daily through Quebec territory.

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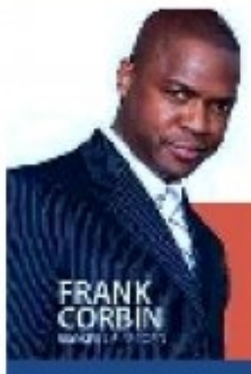

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD ON NANCY JO SALES'S AMERICAN GIRLS

Ironically, as feminism is rising again as a force in media, politics and the culture at large, this book explores how feminism is seen as the anti-cool, the anti-chill, among many teens. And that is chilling.

Grade 9, 1999, was the year of the blow job at my junior high school. Not everyone was giving — or getting — but in general, it was the year when girls started giving boys oral sex. Mind you, never the other way around.

There were parties sans parents and blackberry coolers that tasted like pop. I wore tight pants and chunky heels. I had a Samsung flip phone I shared with two siblings. We fought over it on weekends,

But I never got this messages: "SEND NOODZ."

That text marks the beginning of a deeply upsetting foray into the world of today's American teenager. Nancy Jo Sales's new book, American Girls: Social Media and the Secret Lives of Teenagers should make you grateful you're not a teenager. It left me relieved social media and pornography were sprinkled on my adolescence — but did not saturate, define, or seek to control it.

The book is indexed under Parenting and Women's Issues. But it is really about technology's dramatic impact on the sexual development of kids, and our complete ignorance — no, negligence — in helping children understand its force, and develop a healthy sense of self and sexuality.

The book focuses on girls, because in our still-sexist society, the damaging aspects of technology fall disproportionately on young girls.

Digital pornography is catching children at their sexual awakening.

There's no reason to think it's any different for Canadian youth. Think of the cavalier way a sexually graphic image of a drunk 17-year-old Rehteah Parsons was passed around a Nova Scotia school in 2011, to deadly effect.

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NO RULES Teens' social lives online are like a never-ending house party where the parents are away, Rosemary Westwood writes. STURTI/ISTOCK

It's also enraging. This book took me weeks to read, because I kept shutting it in disgust. I yelled about it to friends at a dinner party. Sales gives over nearly half the text to the direct voices of teenage girls, ages 13 to 19, as they talk about boys, sexting, social pressures and sexuality. She empathizes deeply with them, and thus I did too.

A 13-year-old recounts how boys pass around nude photos of classmates to older boys in exchange for alcohol. We hear about "slut pages," where nude photos sent to one boy are posted publicly on social media (technically a crime). A 19-year-old complains, "Our whole society has become porn. No one wants to look at that." Hookup culture is "for him and him only," she says. "It's just not working."

It would be easy to accuse Sales of criticizing women's sexuality in this book, if not for two things: First, the girls themselves say they're anxious about the constant need to look hot on social media and appear sexually attractive to boys; second, the boys express willingness to continue that old cliché double-standard of the slut and the stud, and little interest in intimacy, since sex is so available without it, digitally and otherwise.

The book avoids moral panic over teenage sexuality, but puts porn culture and social media directly in the crosshairs. It's not that teenagers today are different than I was. It's that their world is.

In the book, not only do parents appear largely ignorant of their children's social media lives, but schools appear inept at giving kids the critical-thinking tools Sales says they need to navigate the new landscape. And in some cases, law enforcement's response has been to charge young people with taking or possessing photos of themselves, a move comically at odds with a culture that prizes the nude-selfie queen Kim Kardashian.

As if to drive the point home, last week I got an advertising email from "GoSexy Final Touch," an app that claims to "put the power in girls' hands to look their best in their photos."

In the lives of teenagers, social media is our sexist society on speed. There is a twisted focus on self-promotion instead of self-development. Wanting to look good isn't a problem, but wanting "to be liked and loved and considered hot by strangers on social media," as Sales writes, is. "For girls now to model themselves in the image of pornography, one could argue, is for them to embrace their own disempowerment."

Digital pornography is catching children at their sexual awakening, and shaping their understanding of pleasure, agency and consent.

And while there are plenty of critical thinkers in Sales's book, it's scary to think we're leaving them to navigate a new frontier all on their own.

It's as if, on social media, kids grow up without any parents. They don't just have the house for the weekend to throw a party — the parents were never there to begin with.

And so, this book should be read by parents. It should be read by teachers and principals. It should be read by police officers. It should be read by women. It should be read by men. And all other genders.

Then, at least, we won't be able to claim ignorance.

Four billion and one reasons Toronto needs highway tolls

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

It should have come as no surprise that the City of Toronto has put out the call for a consultant to help study road tolls on the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway.

Why? I can think of about, oh, 4 billion reasons.

Seriously. According to a report that appeared before Mayor John Tory's executive in September, $4 billion is the expected cost to repair, maintain and operate those two highways over the next 30 years. The vast majority of that, about $3.8 billion, will go to the Gardiner, where plans call for a rebuild of parts of the elevated section and a reconfiguration of the eastern end.

By any measure, it's a huge amount of money. The same amount could build new transit capacity. It could create affordable housing opportunities. It could go toward transformative, city-building projects. Instead it's going to the status quo.

Opponents of road tolls tend to call them cash grabs, but in Toronto it's our highways themselves — particularly the Gardiner — that have been grabbing our cash. Whether people use the highways or not, Toronto property-tax revenue is set to pay for most of these repair and maintenance costs. Meanwhile, out-of-towners will continue to drive for free.

The city's signal that it will examine highway tolls should be taken only as an attempt to rationalize an absurd situation — to make it so those benefiting from the infrastructure are the ones paying for it.

This is not an earth-shattering idea, nor would it come with an earth-shattering cost. The city's most recent report on tolling found a flat toll of $1.25 per use for cars (double that for trucks) would offset all highway maintenance costs and the cost of installing the tolling technology.

Set the toll at $3.25 for cars — the same as a TTC fare — and those maintenance costs would be paid for in just 10 years, after which the city would have a stable revenue stream that could go toward other transportation projects, according to the report.

Hardly seems unfair, does it? Road pricing like this is used all over the world. There's nothing special about this city's infrastructure or level of traffic congestion that would preclude Toronto from getting in the game.

In fact, for Toronto drivers the introduction of tolls could have benefits beyond providing money for needed highway repairs. The same report showed that a small electronically collected toll would reduce travel times on the Gardiner and DVP by between three and four minutes, thanks to shifting travel patterns and commuter behaviour.

Yes, faster speeds at a modest cost. Call it another reason why tolls are worth considering. For those counting along, that makes four billion and one.

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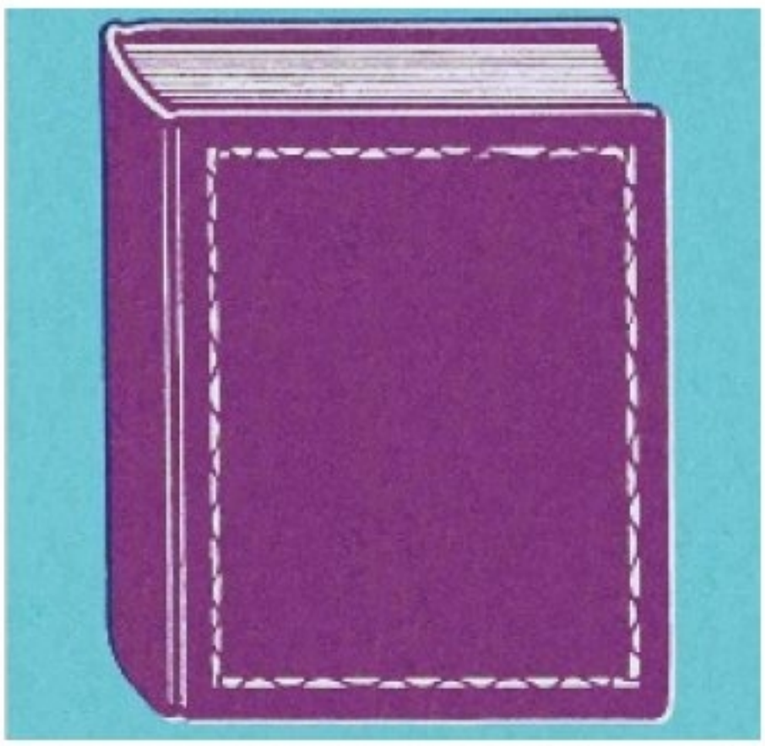

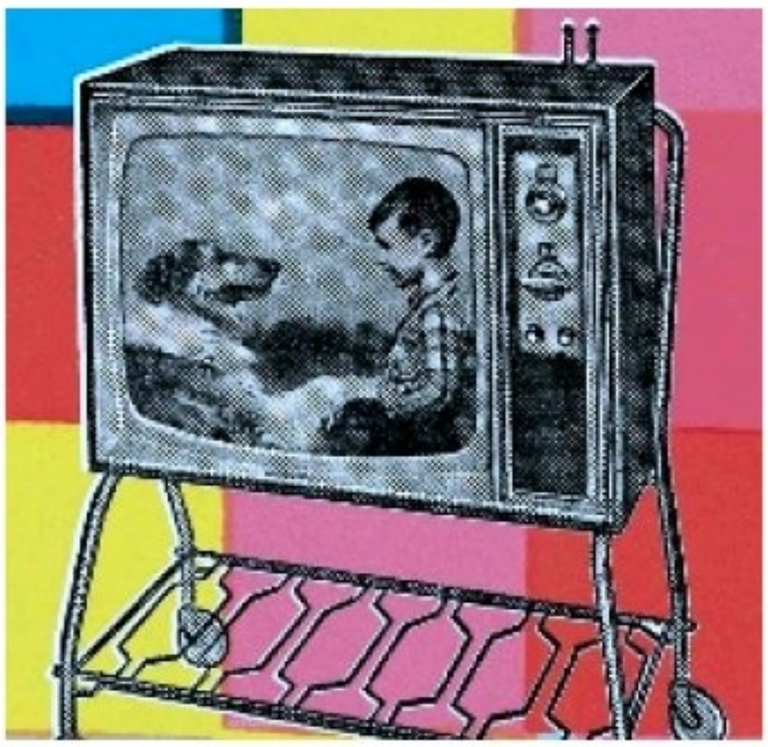

Arts groups eye budget boost

LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

Culture orgs are tired of being seen as 'beggars'

Megan Haynes
For Metro Canada

The Canadian arts community is optimistic ahead of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's inaugural federal budget.

Banking on Liberal campaign promises, various industry spokespeople expect an infusion of money towards the arts. This includes renewed funding for the CBC, the Canadian Council for the Arts (CCA), Telefilm and the National Film Board.

"There's been a consistent message from the new government that there's a real will to make a re-investment in arts and culture," says Simon Brault, director and CEO at the CCA, a federally-funded body that invests in and promotes Canadian artists. Last year, it distributed more than $155 million to artists through grants and prizes, including the Governor General's Literary Awards, which have been given to authors including Patrick deWitt (The Sisters Brothers), Guy Vanderhaeghe (Daddy Lenin and Other Stories) and Linda Spalding (The Purchase).

The Liberals promised to invest $150 million in annual funding at the CBC, which saw its budgets slashed by $115 million under the Conservative government. Brault expects $75 million to be dished out this year, and the full promised amount rolled out by 2018.

The CCA also expects to see its annual budgets double over the next two years to $360 million, as well as a re-investment in the film-industry bodies National Film Board and Telefilm to $25 million across both organizations. The government also promised to restore $25 million in funding to bodies that facilitate arts exchanges internationally.

If this money comes through, it will send a strong signal that arts and culture is a valued contributor to Canadian society, says Elliott Anderson, acting director of public policy research and communication at ACTRA, the union body representing actors.

It's a departure from the previous government's era of budget cuts and funding stagnation, he says.

"There was a feeling for a long time that everyone in the arts community was a target — if you made one misstep, (the government) would use it as proof that more cuts were needed," Anderson says. "(Former Prime Minister Stephen) Harper's government did leave a certain level of mistrust, but people are very excited about the prospect of change."

The CCA already has a comprehensive plan, should the increased funding come through in tomorrow's budget. Beyond creating more grant opportunities for artists, writers and musicians, Brault says the plan is to focus on helping the arts community better adopt digital platforms — an area he says Canada has fallen behind on. Increased funding will also allow the CCA to double down on efforts to engage previously neglected groups, including youth and indigenous people.

In the broadcast sector, increased funding means more opportunities for original Canadian production, which in turn creates more jobs for those involved with TV and cinema, says Anderson.

Beyond funding, there is hope for a focus for Canada on the international stage. For example, in 2014 the Conservatives denied a $6.5 million request that would have sent Canada to be guest of honour at the Frankfurt Book Fair, considered one of the most important international events on the literary scene. Canada has again been asked, this time for the 2020 fair, with a funding request of $4 million.

The invitation is still under consideration, according to a spokesperson from the Department of Canadian Heritage. But Anita Purcell, executive director of the Canadian Authors Association, says based on government's rhetoric, she's confident they will accept the invite.

"There's an appetite (at the federal level) to show Canadian culture. There is a sense that people in the arts sector feel more valued, and have a role to play," Brault says. "We feel invited — not as beggars, but as contributors," he says.

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WHAT I'M WATCHING

Happy Valley anything but for working women

THE SHOW: Happy Valley, Season 2, Episode 1 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The Dog Food

Sarah Lancashire in Happy Valley. CONTRIBUTED

Catherine, a Yorkshire police sergeant (the divine Sarah Lancashire) and her protégé Ann (Charlie Murphy) discuss Ann's first days as a policewoman.

"One flat we went in, dog food was right on the floor," Ann says. "No bowl."

"Yeah, and they're the responsible ones," Catherine replies. "They actually feed their pets." She faces Ann square on. "Ninety-nine-point-nine per cent of the time, that's the sort of people you'll be dealing with. People who live in houses where you have to wipe your feet when you leave. Better get used to it."

This show's creator, Sally Wainwright (who did the equally terrific Scott & Bailey and Last Tango in Halifax) excels at many things: verisimilitude about cops, authentic settings, characters that grow more interesting over time. But I'm most grateful that she creates women who are good at their jobs, and puts them in situations where they show it.

As Catherine says above, she routinely deals with the worst the human race throws up. Her own life has its share of crap, too: a dead daughter she's still mourning; an alcoholic sister; a murder investigation in which she's (unfairly) implicated. Yet at work, she's always on it — smart, compassionate, tough, fair.

Later in this episode, Catherine briefly breaks down. "What do I have to do?" she asks her sister. She does everything right, and it's still not enough. After a minute, she answers her own question: She wipes her face and moves on to the next thing. Working women everywhere will relate.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Ephron lives on in biopic

ALL IN THE FAMILY

Jacob Bernstein makes a film about his mom

Shinan Govani
Torstar News Service

Catching the new, lucent documentary on Nora Ephron, I was seized by a thought: what would have Nora, one of the quintessentials of New York City, made of the dramatic rise of Donald Trump, one of the cartoons of New York City?

Standard-bearers for a city famous for its insomnia, and ensconced in paths-crossing salons, surely she would have had some howls?

Alas, alas: here, now, a voice extinguished too soon, Ephron, who died four years ago — and was described at the time by the New York Times as a writer in the Dorothy Parker mould, "only smarter and funnier" — may have pulled a fast one on the zeitgeist, but she lives on, alright, in a very personal film made by son, Jacob Bernstein, and called Everything Is Copy (premiering on HBO, Monday.)

"I always wanted her to like me," remarks Steven Spielberg (one of the many who comprise Ephron's one-or-two-degrees-of-separation) in the doc. It's a line echoed by consummate TV host, Charlie Rose, who muses, "You wanted her to like you."

"It's very powerful to be both loved and feared," is how Bernstein puts it today, reiterating a point that he makes in the movie that his mother was both "kind...and really generous...but also stern and unfailingly honest," leading to a combination "that made people seek out her approval."

AIRS TONIGHT
Everything Is Copy premieres on HBO, Monday.

American screenwriter and novelist Nora Ephron and her son, Jacob Bernstein, right. CONTRIBUTED

Discussing his maiden film, after a screening at the Palm Springs Film Festival, the 37-year-old explains, "We don't have to overly-deify her for it to be a celebration of her."

To paint the picture, Bernstein patches together old footage of Ephron (doing the talk-show circuit, for instance), readings of her work (via Reese Witherspoon Lena Dunham, etc), and a bounty of fresh interviews, ranging from Meryl Streep (who gave an impassioned eulogy at Ephron's memorial) to Barry Diller (an old classmate of Ephron's from their time at Beverly Hills High School).

"We got Mike Nichols right under the wire," Bernstein says now, referring to Nichols' own death soon after. He's grateful that he did, since the iconic director was not only a long-time hero of his mother, but also the man who did the film adaptation of Ephron's seminal divorce roman-a-clef, Heartburn.

Indeed, Heartburn factors in big in the movie, for one of the most intriguing moments of the film is when the filmmaker sits on a sofa with his father, Carl Bernstein, to have an all-too-real exchange. Dad, who became famous as one of the reporter boy-wonders during Watergate, and then later somewhat notorious when he was found cheating on mom with the wife of the ex-British Ambassador acknowledges to his son that he worried that the divorce that wrought a book and then a movie would affect what Jacob would think of him. Pausing for a minute, the young Bernstein tells his dad, "And for a while it did."

Asked what his mother would have made of the film, Jacob wagers. "A part of me thinks she'd be really proud of it...but other times, I think, she'd be saying, 'You know...it's almost good."

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Will Annick and Yolanda's financial goals be met? **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** has only a few weeks left to get Annick back on track to achieve her financial goals.

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
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THE CHALLENGE: Annick, 24 and from Calgary and Yolanda, 27 and from Mississauga, have agreed to intensive 12-week Money Coaching with Metro's financial guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie. These ladies have four weeks remaining to eliminate their consumer debt and accumulate a significant chunk of money for a down payment. Can they reach their goals?

THIS WEEK: Annick must choose whether to honour her deal to pay off her debt or sell her expensive Beyoncé ticket.

NEXT WEEK: Yolanda has decided to reward herself with a trip to Montreal. But will this mean she'll miss her April contribution towards her down payment? She'd better start hoping for a generous tax refund to cover the costs.

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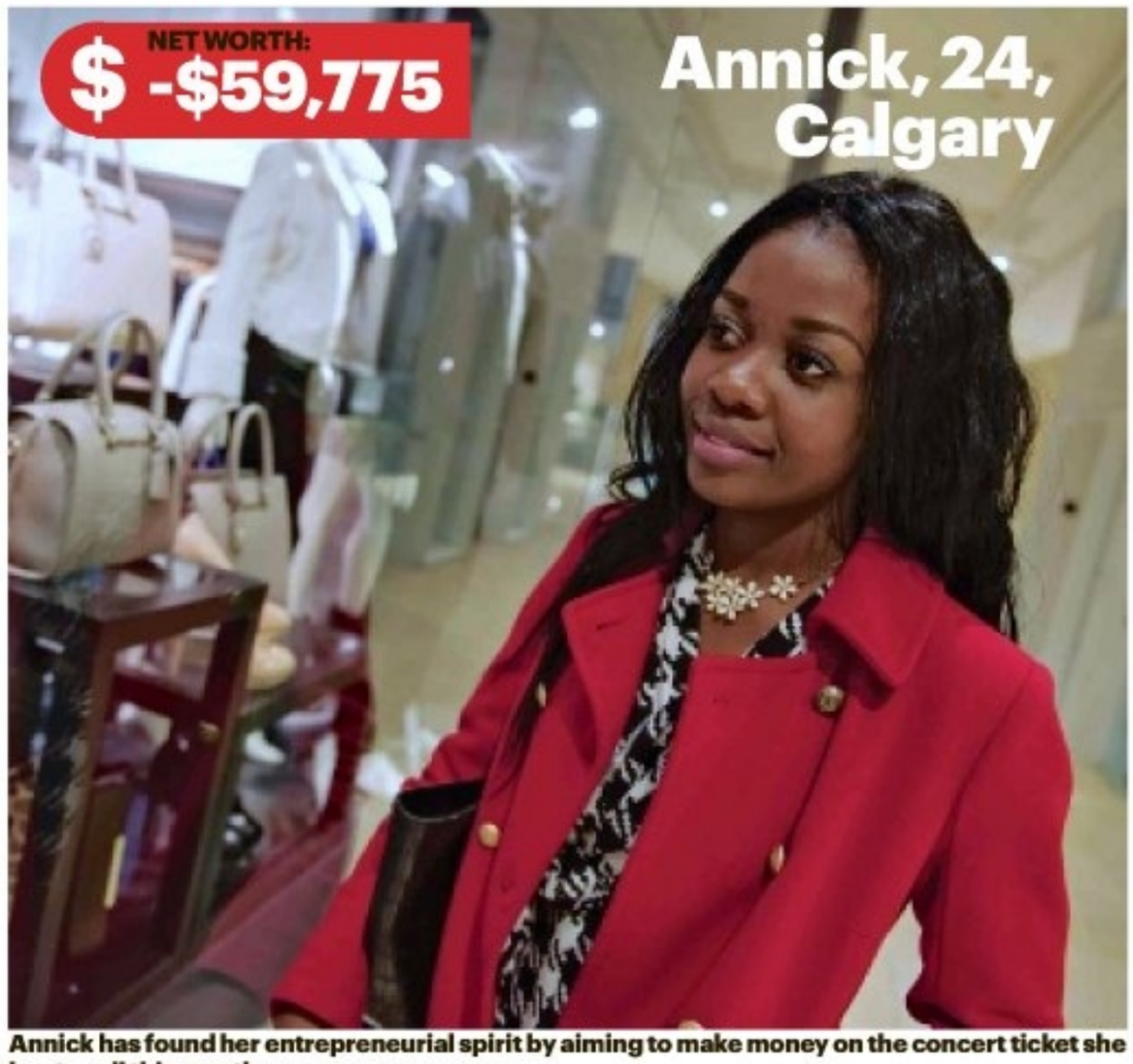

Annick has found her entrepreneurial spirit by aiming to make money on the concert ticket she has to sell this month. JENNIFER FRIESEN, FOR METRO

THE SITUATION

I have a dilemma on my hands. Three weeks ago Annick splurged to purchase a $322 Beyoncé ticket. To afford this once-in-a-lifetime experience, she missed this month's debt-reduction target of $900 and only paid $550. We made a deal that if Annick didn't reach her goal by March 15, she'd have to sell her ticket. Being a young woman of her word, Annick posted a compelling Kijiji ad.

Here's the thing though, when I clicked on the ad link, staring right back at me was a $500 price tag for Annick's kick-ass Beyoncé floor seat. *(Ed's note: Reselling tickets at more than face value is legal in Alberta, and has been since the province scrapped the Amusements Act in 2009)*

Hello Miss Resourceful! Annick will make $175 off this transaction (after postage). I'm big into hawking things online for a premium price, so I want to reward Annick for thinking like an entrepreneur. Imagine if she applied this same principle in other areas of her life…

There are three approaches Annick can take.

1). School of hard-knocks. She sells her ticket and applies ALL the proceeds to her debt.

2). Balance. She sells her ticket and applies $350 to her debt and uses the remaining $150 to purchase a less expensive ticket.

3). Off-the-hook. I give her a 15-day extension to reach her debt-reduction target.

I'm leaning towards option two because no financial lesson is ever learned without follow-through; and in Annick's case that means being accountable to her financial goals.

THE LESSON

Have you ever over-promised? Of course you have!

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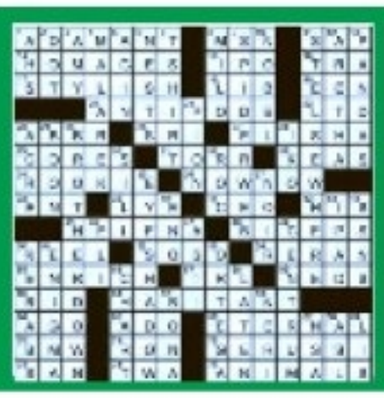

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BY THE NUMBERS

Annick has been hyper-vigilant about adding to her bottom line. Since we met in December, she's improved her net worth by $2,675. Can she meet her target of consumer-debt freedom by July?

Assets	Dec. 2015	Mar. 2016
RRSP	$350	$850
Total Assets	**$350**	**$850**
Liabilities		
Student Loan	$58,800	$58,350
VISA	$1,500	$1,200
MasterCard	$650	$475
Other Loans	$1,600	$350
Taxes	$250	$250
Total Liabilities	**$62,800**	**$60,625**
Net Worth	**($62,450)**	**($59,775)**

a raise or foregoing that extra RRSP contribution. It feels rotten to fail.

But, if you treat a financial failure as a lesson, and don't repeat it, you'll move on to achieve your next financial goal.

The caveat however is to set realistic goals that stretch you, but aren't out of reach.

Annick's going to pay a financial penalty for over-promising.

But, she has a choice to either let that penalty sink her financial ship or motivate her to avoid splurges and make more money. Knowing her, and her newfound entrepreneurial spirit, she'll choose the latter.

If you treat a financial failure as a lesson and don't repeat it, you'll move on to achieve your next financial goal

FINANCES

Introducing your kids to a bank account

A lot of kids have a pretty good understanding of what money can do for them. They may get funds in the forms of a weekly allowance, the tooth fairy, the occasional gift from grandma — and they tend to spend it pretty quickly on toys and candy. What they aren't great at understanding is the power of saving; while they may have piggy banks, they raid them regularly.

That's where a bank account comes in. Teaching your kids to save money at a bank is an important money lesson. It helps them understand that when you use a debit or credit card, you're not taking money out of thin air. And it allows them to put their money far enough out of reach that they can't spend it easily.

The trouble is, a lot of bank accounts aren't user-friendly for people who might only be starting with $10 or $20. For one thing, there are bank charges, which can eat into your kids' savings (try explaining a $1.50 bank charge when your kid only has $20 in the bank!).

Remember that your own bank might not be the best option. If you're looking for a bank account for your kids, make sure you shop around, and consider the following:

A great way to teach your kids that your debit card isn't 'magic' is to get them their own bank account. ISTOCK

Go for a no-fee option: Kids don't exactly have fat balances — ideally, you want an account with no minimum balance, no monthly fees, and few if any transaction charges. A quick check for kid-friendly bank accounts on Ratesupermarket shows a few low-fee savings accounts for kids.

The HSBC Premier Youth Savings Account has no minimum balance, no monthly fee and unlimited transactions.

The CIBC Premium Growth for Youth, the TD Youth Account, and the Scotiabank Getting There Youth Account only charge for ATM withdrawals from other banks. Tangerine and PC Financial also have regular savings accounts with no fees, no minimum balance and no monthly fees — they're both worth exploring.

Look at the interest rate: With rates at all time lows, finding a bank account that will teach your kids the magic of compound interest is next to impossible. But some banks offer a bit more — Tangerine and PC Financial both offer a 0.80 per cent interest rate on savings accounts.

HSBC's kid-focused Premier Youth Savings account offers 0.75 per cent — again, not too bad compared to many others.

Set up an appointment: Take your kid into the branch and show them what goes into opening a savings account. It will help them see how important it is to have an account, and that there are people at the bank who can explain how things work. You'll also avoid waiting in a long lineup (and the inevitable complaints of "I'm bored!").

Show them their statements: Show your kid how to read a bank statement, whether you get it online or on paper. That way, they'll get used to checking their balance — and they might even get excited about adding money every month and watch it grow.

But there aren't any banks with kid-friendly resources and account statements.

This is clearly one area where the banks could do more: while many support financial literacy to different degrees, it's hard finding a bank with kid-focused tools or even in-branch services to help them understand how their savings account works, the power of interest over time, and what saving can do for them.

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After Saturday's 87-79 loss to the Spurs, the 62-7 Warriors can lose only two more games if they hope to beat the 1995-96 Bulls' best-ever finish

Djokovic just too strong for Raonic

BNP PARIPAS OPEN

'I need to work harder,' Thornhill ace says after final

Canadian Milos Raonic believes he has what it takes to beat the top players in tennis. He just didn't have it in him on Sunday.

World No. 1 Novak Djokovic rolled past the Thornhill, Ont., product 6-2, 6-0 to win the BNP Paribas Open for a record fifth time, improving to 22-1 in matches this year.

"I need to work harder, I need to execute better," Raonic said. "I'm on the right track. It's about putting things together, being effective, which today I wasn't able to do.

"I think I have it within me, but obviously I need to reach a lot deeper to find that execution."

It was Djokovic's third consecutive title in the California desert, breaking a tie with four-time champion Roger Federer, who lost to the Serb the past two years in the final and skipped this year because of a knee injury.

The women's final was equally one-sided.

Victoria Azarenka defeated error-prone Serena Williams 6-4, 6-4, returning Azarenka to the world's top 10 for the first time since August 2014.

Djokovic needed an hour, 17 minutes to dispatch Raonic, whose big serve got broken five times.

The 25-year-old Raonic served just four aces and had 27 unforced errors. His first serve averaged 128 mph (206 kilometres per hour) - much faster than Djokovic's 111 mph (178.6 km/h)- but he connected on only 55 per cent. Djokovic landed 68 per cent of his first serves and was never broken.

Raonic, who had been sidelined through February with an adductor injury sustained during the Australian Open semifinal in January, left the court for treatment after Sunday's first set.

"It feels similar (to the Australian Open injury) but not as bad," Raonic said. "It could be frustrating, could not be. Maybe it's just sort of a mental way of my body protecting."

On the women's side, Williams gave fans little to cheer about on an unseasonable 91-degree (32 C) day while making 33 unforced errors. After getting broken to trail 3-0 in the second set, Williams returned to her seat and smashed her racket.

Trailing 5-1, Williams won three straight games and held two break points on Azarenka's serve in the last game. But Williams ended the match with three straight errors.

It was Azarenka's first victory over the top-ranked Williams since the Cincinnati final in August 2013. She will move up seven spots to No. 8 in the WTA Tour rankings Monday.

Azarenka hit just 10 winners and had 20 unforced errors in the two-hour match.

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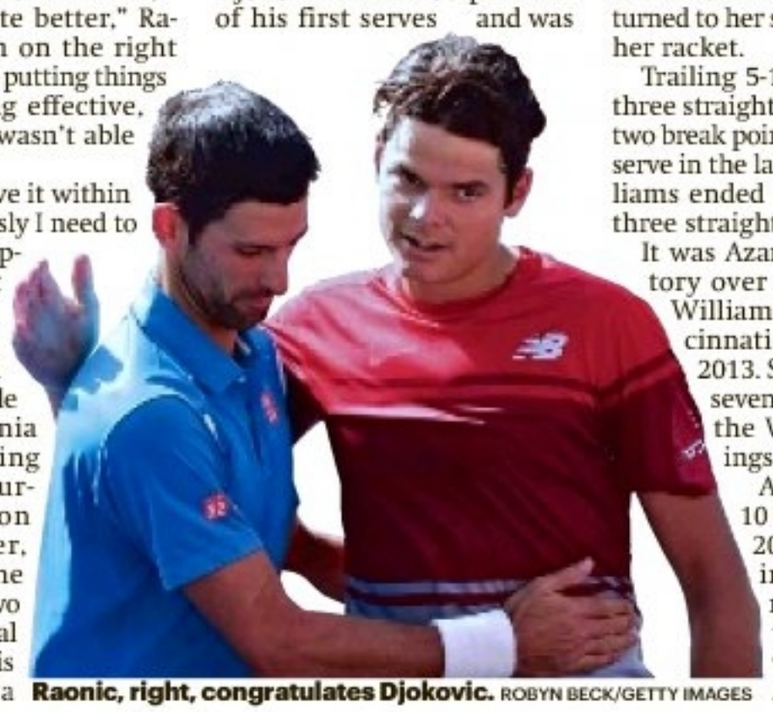

Raonic, right, congratulates Djokovic. ROBYN BECK/GETTY IMAGES

Kyle Lowry goes to the rim against the Orlando Magic on Sunday.
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NBA

DeRozan sinks 25 as Raptors top Magic

DeMar DeRozan poured in 25 points to lift Toronto to a 105-100 victory over the Orlando Magic on Sunday, the Raptors' seventh consecutive victory at the Air Canada Centre.

Luis Scola added 20 points, while Kyle Lowry added 18 points. Bismack Biyombo grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds to go with 12 points and six blocks, and Terrence Ross chipped in with 13 for Toronto (48-21).

Victor Oladipo led the Magic (29-40) with 21 points. Andrew Nicholson of Mississauga, Ont. added 15 and nine rebounds.

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IN BRIEF

Husky women CIS champs
Laura Dally had 25 points and six rebounds as the Saskatchewan Huskies beat the Ryerson Rams 85-71 to win their first Canadian Interuniversity Sport women's basketball title.

Sabine Dukate had 22 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and three steals for the Huskies, while Kelsey Trulsrud and MVP Dalyce Emmerson had 14 points each.

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Tulo homers pace Jays
Troy Tulowitzki hit his second homer in as many games to lead the Toronto Blue Jays over the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 on Sunday.

Following a two-out double by Jose Bautista in the first inning, Tulowitzki connected to left field off A.J. Schugel.

Toronto starter Marco Estrada had an up-and-down debut after missing nearly four weeks with back soreness.

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Great Day for golf
Jason Day turned his fortunes at just the right time Sunday by making a 12-foot birdie putt and then saving par from just under 100 feet away in a bunker to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Day closed with a 2-under 70 for a one-shot victory over Kevin Chappell.

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Man United smite City

Red Devils 18-year-old Marcus Rashford made short work of City defender Martin Demichelis on Sunday at the Etihad Stadium. MICHAEL REGAN/GETTY IMAGES

PREMIER LEAGUE

Teen Rashford brings intrigue to top-4 battle

Pep Guardiola might have thought he'd be taking over the champions of England when he agreed to join Manchester City from next season.

If City's current form is anything to go by, the world's best manager may be coaching a side in the Europa League.

City's 1-0 loss to Manchester United on Sunday, courtesy of another goal by teenager Marcus Rashford, didn't only end its realistic chances of winning the Premier League. It also left the club under severe threat of being displaced in the top four in an increasingly fraught race for Champions League qualification.

United and West Ham are only one point behind fourth-place City, which has won just one of its last six league games and has got a Champions League quarter-final match against Paris Saint-Germain to complicate its upcoming schedule.

At Tottenham, Harry Kane scored two goals for the second straight league game as Spurs beat Bournemouth 3-0 to stay five points adrift of leader Leicester.

The title race looks to be down to two teams, although third-place Arsenal could still have a say.

Liverpool's ambitions of making the top four were hit after squandering a two-goal lead to lose 3-2 at Southampton. Liverpool could have moved four points behind City with a win, but that honour instead goes to Southampton.

At the other end of the standings, Newcastle and Sunderland drew 1-1 in the northeast derby and both remain in the relegation zone. Aleksandar Mitrovic scored an 83rd-minute equalizer for Newcastle.

City became the latest team to be exposed by Rashford, United's new star striker.

The 18-year-old Rashford took his tally to five goals in eight games since being plucked from United's youth team to answer a striker crisis last month. Playing in his first Manchester derby, Rashford slipped past Martin Demichelis and slotted a finish under the body of goalkeeper Joe Hart for the 16th-minute winner. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DIVISION TABLE

	GP	W-D-L	Pts.
Leicester	31	19-9-3	66
Tottenham	31	17-10-4	61
Arsenal	30	16-7-7	55
Man. City	30	15-6-9	51
West Ham	30	13-11-6	50
Man. United	30	14-8-8	50
S'hampton	31	13-8-10	47
Stoke City	31	13-7-11	46
Liverpool	29	12-8-9	44
Chelsea	30	10-11-9	41
West Brom	30	10-9-11	39
Everton	29	9-11-9	38
B'mouth	31	10-8-13	38
Watford	30	10-7-13	37
Swansea	31	9-9-13	36
Crys. Palace	30	9-6-15	33
Norwich	31	7-7-17	28
Sunderland	30	6-8-16	26
Newcastle	30	6-7-17	25
Aston Villa	31	3-7-21	16

Champions League
Europa League
Relegation

Kris Jenkins of Villanova dunks against the Iowa Hawkeyes on Sunday at Barclays Center in Brooklyn. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

MARCH MADNESS

Villanova ends wait for Sweet 16

Josh Hart scored 19 points and second-seeded Villanova advanced to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2009 with a rout of Iowa.

Villanova's senior class, led by Ryan Arcidiacono and Daniel Ochefu, made it to the tournament's second weekend for the first time. They were upset in the round of 32 the last two seasons and didn't make it that far as freshmen. The Wildcats (31-5) meet third-seeded Miami on Thursday in Louisville, Kentucky. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLS

TFC take first loss of season in K.C.

Brad Davis scored his first goal with his new team in the 70th minute Sunday night and Sporting Kansas City stayed atop the MLS standings with a 1-0 win over Toronto FC.

Davis joined Sporting KC (3-0-0) for his 15th MLS season after playing the last 10 years for the Houston Dynamo.

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He beat defender Justin Morrow to a loose ball near the end line, used a hesitation dribble to create an opening and slotted a left-footed shot into the far corner. It was his 56th career MLS goal.

Morrow fell to the turf during the tussle with Davis and received a yellow card after the play for arguing the no-call.

Sporting KC went down a man in the 84th minute when Roger Espinoza was sent off for a serious foul.

Sebastian Giovinco's free kick for Toronto FC (1-1-1) was blocked by the wall in the final minute of second-half stoppage time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCCER IN BRIEF

Buffon's streak busted

Juventus' Gianluigi Buffon set a Serie A record on Sunday for time without conceding a goal.

Buffon, pictured, stretched his shutout streak to 974 consecutive minutes before conceding on a penalty kick in Juventus' 4-1 win at local rival Torino.

The old record was set by Sebastiano Rossi (929 minutes for AC Milan from Dec. 12, 1993, to Feb. 27, 1994). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Howard to join Colorado after Everton season

Everton says Tim Howard will leave the Premier League at the end of the season to join Colorado Rapids in MLS. It will end the U.S. 'keeper's 13-year stint in English soccer, 10 of which have been at Everton. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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RECIPE Grilled Salmon Salad

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Spring's arrival calls for celebration. We love this salmon dinner that's been transformed into a fresh but hearty salad.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 mins
Cook time: 20 mins

Ingredients
- 8 small red potatoes, sliced in half
- 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
- 1 head of tender lettuce, washed and chopped
- 1 avocado, pitted and cubed
- 6 or 7 plum tomatoes, sliced in half lengthwise
- 2 filets of salmon
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 lemon, juiced, divided
- salt and pepper

Directions

1. Boil potatoes until tender. Drain and put aside to cool. Pour frozen corn into a bowl and thaw. Wash, dry and chop the lettuce into ribbons. Turn oven broiler onto 450 degrees.

2. Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towel before coating in a light slick of olive oil and half of the lemon juice, and salt and pepper before placing on a rack or cookie sheet. Shake the corn around the salmon. Place on the highest rack of the oven and cook for between 5 and 10 minutes, depending on salmon thickness. Remove from the oven.

3. Lay on bed of the chopped lettuce. Arrange the potatoes, avocado and tomatoes evenly across the lettuce. Break salmon into bite size pieces with your hands. Arrange on the salad. Shake the charred corn over top and serve with your favourite dressing.

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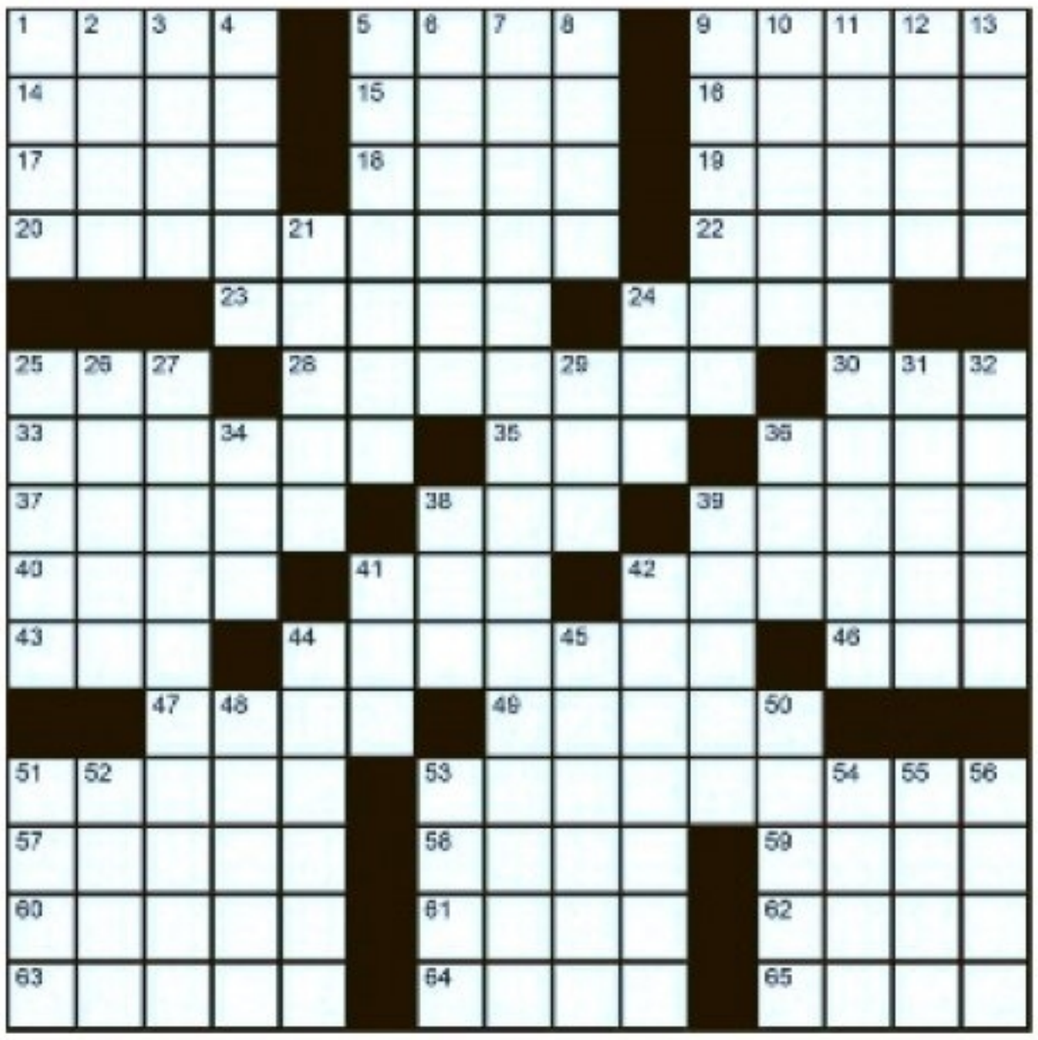

ACROSS
1. Kick up a fuss
5. Movie's group of actors
9. Contributed
14. Corn lily
15. Fever symptom
16. "Bleeding Love" singer Ms. Lewis
17. Molson drink
18. Agents, for short
19. Even
20. Small community near La Crete in northern Alberta where #27-Down are from
22. Brightest star in the constellation Orion
23. Nimble
24. Page in a paperback
25. Morse Code bit
28. Green Gables: School which Anne Shirley attended, __ College
30. Traveller's delay
33. Privileged people
35. Hesitant sounds
36. Enormous
37. Close-fitting
38. Stop-_-__
39. Mountaineer's spike
40. Repeat
41. Prez
42. The Moody Blues tune: "__ Dream"
43. Race the motor
44. Some shorebirds
46. Ophthalmology orb
47. Tel __, Israel
49. Gladden
51. Hairstyling venue
53. Vera Wang customer
57. Mr. Firth
58. Formerly
59. 60 minutes
60. Anoint, olde-style
61. Film __ (Artsy movie style)
62. Vampire Weekend singer Mr. Koenig
63. Vampire novelist Stephenie
64. __ & Sciences
65. Microscope piece

DOWN
1. Lettuce variety
2. Eddie's "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984) role
3. Place
4. "Instant __!" by John Lennon
5. Circus barkers
6. From times-of-yore
7. Queen Elizabeth, __ of the Church of England
8. See if it works
9. Bruce Wayne's butler
10. Alberta village, 'Gateway to the Handhills'
11. Canadian Football League legend on the current season of "Dancing with the Stars": 2 wds.
12. 'ence' word-ending alternative
13. Writer Roald
21. White-plumed heron
24. Canadian star of 'Naked Gun' movies ...his initials-sharers
25. Dissuade
26. "The Brady Bunch" housekeeper
27. "County Line" Canadian country duo of brothers: 2 wds.
29. __-Medonte (Ontario township)
31. Suffering
32. Wishes granter
34. Howe'er
36. Particular pronoun
38. Prefix with 'classical'
39. Plague: French
41. Gladiator's 155
42. Those marking exam papers
44. Tail-to-donkey attacher
45. Prompt/evoke
48. Kind of curtain fabric
50. Lucy's famous sitcom friend
51. Defraud
52. Top-notched
53. __ fide (Authentic)
54. Slowly flow as sludge
55. Go from being a log to ash
56. Time divisions

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
"It was Monday. It was Monday all day." Yeah, it's that kind of day. Issues at work might be confusing. Steer clear of controversial conversations.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
It's easy to be confused with a friend or a member of a group today, especially regarding shared property or how to spend a certain amount of money. Tread carefully.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Issues at home are confused today. This could be why relations with partners and close friends are challenged. Just be patient with everyone.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Be careful today, because initially you might not have all the facts. Or perhaps the facts you have are incorrect. This is why someone will challenge you.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Financial issues are a challenge today. For starters, some kind of deception or confusion is likely. Obstacles might arise with social plans, hotel reservations or something related to sports or children.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Today the Moon is in your sign, opposing Venus and Neptune, and at odds with Saturn. What does this mean? It means you might not have your facts right.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Be aware of deception and confusion today, especially at work. This might apply to your health. Whatever happens could cause you to worry. Relax — this is temporary.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Romantic relationships might disappoint you today. Ditto for financial arrangements! Yes, this is one of those Mondays. Good luck.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
This is a poor day to deal with parents and authority figures, because people are uncooperative, in addition to which it's hard to get the right story about anything. Chill out.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You might be worried today. Don't worry — half the world is there with you. Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but gets you nowhere.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Be careful about financial matters today, because confusion is rampant. In fact, even deceit is present, so beware!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a tough day for relating to practically everyone. Be respectful and low-key when dealing with authority figures. Be patient with partners and close friends. This is the toughest day of this week.

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